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REMARKS

Claims 4 and 9 are amended. Claims 3 and 8 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-20 are pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

Examiner Interview

Applicant acknowledges the interview between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on March 13, 2007, during which the Examiner agreed to enter the present amendment.

Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief

The Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief objected to the dependency of claim 4 on canceled claim 3 and the dependency of claim 9 on canceled claim 8. Claim 4 is amended to depend on claim 1. Claim 9 is amended to depend on claim 7.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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